Resettlement of tribals

418. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala for approval of diversion of forest land for resettlement of tribal families;

(b) if so, the area of land required for this purpose;

(c) the area identified and specified in the request;

(d) the number of families to be given land; and

(e) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has informed that the district-wise break up of the forest land identified by the State Government and required for the purpose of diversion under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for resettlement of tribals is as below:—

Sl.No.	District	Forest Area (hectare)
1.	Wayanad	3,008,080
2.	Kannur	83.000
3.	Kasargod	37.203
4.	Malappuram	203.640
5.	Palakkad	4,361.3027
	TOTAL:	7,693.2257

(d) The number of families to whom the diverted forest land is to be given is to be decided by the State Government.

(e) On the basis of the proposal submitted by the State Government, the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, has accorded approval in February, 2004 for diversion of 7,693.2257 hectares of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for resettlement of tribals in the State of Kerala subject to payment of Net Present Value of the diverted forest land as required for the compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has also advised the State Government to provide land to landless tribals, if necessary by purchasing land from private owners, from TSP and other funds.

Rehabilitation of landless tribals

419. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have contemplated any plan to rehabilitate landless tribal families;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether land has been identified and acquired for distribution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise with particular reference to Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) There is no specific project/scheme under this Ministry to provide land to landless tribals. However, the State Governments are requested to utilize the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) funds and funds released to them under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan by this Ministry for purchasing land for income generating projects.

(c) and(d) 'Land' being a State subject, its management and related aspects are the responsibility of the respective State Governments as provided under Entry No. 18 of List II (State List) to VII Schedule to the Constitution of India.

Allotment of land for Petrol/Diesel Pumps

420. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA undertakes the task of allotting land (on lease) to the holder of the letter of intents for Petrol/Diesel Pumps issued by the various oil companies;

(b) if so, whether land has been allotted to all the applicants holding the letter of intent since 1992; and

(c) if not, by when the land would be allotted to the remaining applicants?